THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS): (SHRI MUKAL WASNIK): (a) No, Sir. However, Tata Consultancy Services has evaluated the working of some of the schemes of Sports Authority of India.

(b) and (c) The report of Tata Consultancy Services has recommended modifications in the schemes being implemented by SAI as follows:—

1. Development of a Scheme for broad-basing through mass participation in sports in Educational net works.
2. Creation of provisions for more facilities for continuity for sports in Colleges and Universities.
3. Creation of "Centres of Excellence" for selected sports disciplines for attaining international level performance.
4. Re-organisation of existing schemes to implement the above three recommendations.

The above recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

Literacy Rate in Gujarat

1803. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of literacy in the country as per 1991 census with State-wise details thereof;

(b) what is the percentage of literacy among males and females;

(c) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is the lowest literate State; and

(d) if so, what measure Government propose to take to increase the literacy rate in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) The literacy rate in the country according to 1991 census for the population aged 7 years and above was 52.21 percent. A statement showing State-wise literacy rates amongst males and females is attached. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The main approach towards literacy is through the volunteer based Total Literacy Compaigns taken up on the basis of projects prepared by the districts irrespective of their level of literacy. In Gujarat, Total Literacy Campaigns have been taken up in all the 19 districts of the State.

Statement

India/State or Union Territory	Literacy Rate		
	Person	Males	Females
1 2	3	4	5
INDIA	52.21	64.13	39.29
States			
1. Andhra Pradesh	44.09	55.13	32.72
2. Arunachal Pradesh	41.59	51.45	29.69
3. Assam	52.89	61.87	43.03
4. Bihar	38.48	52.49	22.89

1	2	3	4
5. Goa	75.51	83.64	67.09
6. Gujarat	61.29	73.13	48.64
7. Haryana	55.85	69.10	40.47
8. Himachal Pradesh	63.86	75.36	52.13
9. Karnataka	56.04	67.26	44.34
10. Kerala	89.81	93.62	86.17
11. Madhya Pradesh	44.20	58.42	28.85
12. Maharashtra	64.87	76.56	52.32
13. Manipur	59.89	71.63	47 60
14. Meghalaya	49.10	53.12	44.85
15. Mizoram	82.27	85.61	78.60
16. Nagaland	61.65	67.62	54 75
17. Orissa	49.09	63.09	34 68
18. Punjab	58.51	65.66	50.41
19 Rajasthan	38.55	54.99	20.44
20. Sikkim	56.94	65.74	46.69
21. Tamil Nadu	62.66	73.75	51.
22. Tripura	60.44	70.58	49.65
23. Uttar Pradesh	41.60	55.73	25.31
24. West Bengal	57.70	67.81	46.56
Union Territories			
1. A&N Islands	73:02	78.99	65.46
2. Chandigarh	77.81	82.04	72.34
3. D&N Haveli	40.71	53.56	26.98
4. Daman & Diu	71.20	82.66	59.40
5. Delhi	75.29	82.01	66.99
6. Lakshadweep	81.78	90.18	72.89
7. Pondicherry	74.74	83.68	65.63